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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK

Library and Information Week is an annual celebration Australian libraries and information service professionals. Each year Alice Spring Public Library marks this week with a variety of events and activities, and this year brings something new. On Friday 27 May any valid Alice Springs or other Northern Territory library card can be used as a substitute for a bus ticket on the Asbus or Darwinbus networks.

Commuters can show their library card to the bus driver and travel free of charge, in celebration of Library and Information Week.

Library membership is entirely free for any Northern Territory resident. To receive a library card, simply visit Alice Springs Public Library with proof of your Northern Territory residency. Signing up for your free library membership takes approximately five minutes and grants access to a host of resources.

This event has been organised with Palmerston Library, City of Palmerston, City of Darwin Libraries, and the Northern Territory Government. "People travelling on public transport often read or listen to music they have borrowed from the Library. Public libraries these days are more than just books and with a library card, you can go anywhere. This is a wonderful partnership between the public libraries in the Northern Territory and the Department on Transport, we really do Connect" said Georgina Davison Manager, Library Services, Alice Springs Public Library.

Alice Springs Public Library is celebrating Library and Information Week with a full week of events, beginning Tuesday 23 May. The week will run as follows:

- **Tuesday 24 May: One Million Stories Launch**

One Million Stories is a project aimed at encouraging parents and businesses to build a culture of "a story a day", sharing stories with children aged 0-8 year. The project launch will begin at 10:15am, and include Rob "Kiteman" King presenting a special Storytime for children aged 2-5.

- **Wednesday 25 May: National Simultaneous Storytime**

Each year, at the same moment, a children's picture book is read in libraries around the country. This year the storybook is I Got This Hat, written by Kate Temple and illustrated by Jon Foye.

- **Thursday 26 May: Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Once again, Alice Springs Public Library is holding a morning tea for the public, in order to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia. All members of the public are invited to come, taste delicious sweet and savoury delights and enjoy a barista-made coffee or tea. The morning tea will run from 10:15am to 11:30am.

- **Friday 27 May: National Reconciliation Week Art Competition Unveiling**

The Library recently held an art competition on the theme of "What does Reconciliation mean to you?" On Friday, the first day of National Reconciliation Week, the winning artwork will be unveiled as a reprint on a permanent bay-end in the library's Akaltje Anthems Collection. All participating artworks will also be on display. The unveiling will commence at 5:40pm, and catering will be provided. This is open to all members of the public.

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